Name of Station	Name of Contractor
Jalandhar City	M/S N.R. Bookstall Workers Vendors Sales-Cum-Supply Co.op. Society
Ambala Cantt.	M/s Unemployed Graduate Association
Bhatinda	M/s N.R. Bookstall Vendors Association
Allahabad	M/s Shikshit Berojgar Modem avam Prakshan Sahkari Samiti
Katihar	Tejatola un-employed educated Co.op. Society
Guwahati	Bookstall Workers and Vendors Co.op. Society
Madras Beach	M/s Unemployed Graduate Enterprises
Secunderabad	M/s Dalit Mazdoor Kisan Parishad Book stall
Nainpur	M/s Shikshit Berojgar Pratisthan
Bhilai Power House	M/s Shikshit Berojgar Pratisthan
Pendra Road	M/s Shikshit Berojgar Pratisthan
Belangar	M/s Shikshit Berojgar Pratisthan

Gauge Conversion of Rangia-Murkongchelek Rail Line

2910. DR. ARUNKUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise decision, actual work done and target set for gauge conversion of Rangia-Murkongchelek portion of NF Railway showing future plan for conversion and providing connectivity through Bogibeel Bridge; since 1996;

(b) the number of times the rail line from Rangia to Murkongchelek was disrupted, showing duration of discontinued rail service year-wise from January, 1996 to July 15, 2000, location and extent of damage, measures taken for permanent protection and temporary restoration; and

(c) the total days in each year having timely departure and arrival at destination of operating service of this route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) A statement is attached.

STATMENT

Gauge conversion of Rangiamurkongchelek Rail Line

(a) Details are as under:

Year-wise decisions taken and the activities of these projects from 1996 are as follows:—

(i) In 1996-97:

Survey for gauge conversion was sanctioned for the following sections:—

(a) Rangiya-Bhalukpong section

(b) Balipara-Murkongeslek and Rangapara North-Tezpur.

(ii) In 1997-98:

(a) Undertaking of physical work for conducting Preliminary-Engg-cum-Traffic survey for above section.

(b) Work for construction of rail-cum-road bridge at Bogibeel at river Brahmaputra was included in the Railway Budget in year 1997-98 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 1000 cr.

(iii) In 1998-99:

Survey for the section Rangia-Bhalukpong was completed.

(iv) In 1999-2000:

(1) Survey report for the section from Rangia-Bhalukpong was examined. In view of the grossly un- remunerative nature of the line and acute constraint of resources, it has not been found possible to consider taking up execution of this work for the present.

(2) Physical work of survey for the section from Balipara to Murkongeselek and Rangapara North to Tezpur was in progress and survey is expected to be completed during the financial year 2000-01.

(b) The details are as under:—

SI. No.	Year	Section	Rail way Line Disrupted			Extent of Damage	Measures taken for permanent temporary restoration
			No. of Times	Duration	No. of Days	(Rs. in Lakhs)	
1.	1996	Rangia-Murkong-selek	3	28.6.96 to 26.7.96 29.8.96 to 9.9.96	26 12	142.73	Restored by closing the breached portion of Railway embankment with bank protection work.
2.	1997	-do-	1	8.7.97 to 12.7.97	5	84.95	do-
3.	1998	-do-	9	24.5.98 to 23.10.98	153	157.00	-do-
4.	1999	-do-	6	21.6.99 to 22.6.99 23.6.99 to 24.6.99 19.7.99 to 31.12.99	1 1 166	50.00	-do-
5.	2000 upto July 15th	-do-	2	01.01.2000 to 8.3.2000 26.6.2000 to 15.7.2000	66 20	50.00	-do- Not yet restored.

(c) The toal days in each year having timely departure and arrival at destination of operating service on Rangia-Murkongselek section is as under:—

Year	Total service run	Right time start	Right time arrival at destination
1996-97	Nil	Nil	Nil
1997-98	Nil	Nil	Nil
1998-99	1407	702	698
1999-2000	1103	650	522

Maintenance of Achalpur-Murtizapur-Yavatmal Rail Line by Private Companies

2911. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Achalpur-Murtizapur-Yavatmal rail line is still maintained by private companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are earning revenue from this line;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take the line under their control;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The three rail lines on Central Railway system still owned by a private company are:

(i) Murtajapur-Yavatmal;

(ii) Murtajapur-Achalpur; and

(iii) Pulgaon-Arvi.

The owning company is The Central Provinces Railways Company Ltd. These lines are maintained by the Central Railway under an agreement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.